

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A method for receiving information in a communication system, the method comprising:

deciding which of a plurality of confirmation messages to transmit based on an information status flag indication contained in the received information and a decoding operation performed on the received information to recover from misinterpretation of a previous confirmation message transmission.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of deciding which of the plurality of confirmation messages to transmit comprises waiting for NEW information.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising waiting for NEW information after a positive confirmation message was transmitted.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising transmitting a positive confirmation message after receiving NEW information while waiting for either NEW or CONTINUE information, decoding said received NEW information successfully and discarding any previously received information.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, where the step of deciding which of the plurality of confirmation messages to transmit further comprises transmitting a positive confirmation message if the received information is NEW information and the decoding operation was successful.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 where the step of deciding which of the plurality of confirmation messages to transmit further comprises transmitting a negative confirmation message if the received information is NEW information and the decoding operation was unsuccessful.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6 further comprising the steps of:  
waiting for CONTINUE information after the negative confirmation message was transmitted;  
combining received CONTINUE information with previously received information; and  
performing a decoding operation on the combined information.

8-12. (Canceled).

13. (New) A method for receiving information in a communication system, the method comprises the step of:

deciding which of a plurality of confirmation messages to transmit based on an information status flag contained in the received information, the information status flag indicating that the received information comprises at least one of new and continue information, and a decoding operation performed on the received information.

14. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the step of deciding which of the plurality of confirmation messages to transmit comprises waiting for new information.

15. (New) The method of claim 13, further comprising waiting for new information after a positive confirmation message was transmitted.
16. (New) The method of claim 13, further comprising transmitting a positive confirmation message after receiving an information status flag indicating that the received information comprises new information while waiting for either new or continue information, decoding said received new information successfully and discarding any previously received information.
17. (New) The method of claim 13, where the step of deciding which of the plurality of confirmation messages to transmit further comprises transmitting a positive confirmation message if the information status flag indicates that the received information comprises new information and the decoding operation was successful.
18. (New) The method of claim 13, where the step of deciding which of the plurality of confirmation messages to transmit further comprises transmitting a negative confirmation message if the information status flag indicates that the received information comprises new information and the decoding operation was unsuccessful.
19. (New) The method of claim 18 further comprising the steps of:  
waiting for continue information after the negative confirmation message was transmitted;  
combining received continue information with previously received information; and

performing a decoding operation on the combined information.